

Remarks

With this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have added newly presented claims 21-37.

Applicants note that a request to amend the Specification to include a claim to prior Application Serial No. 09/440,204 was made on February 15, 2002, when the current Continuation Application was filed. Applicants respectfully request that this previous request to amend the Specification be entered accordingly.

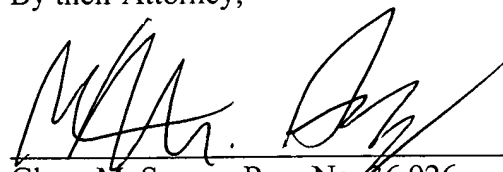
Examination of the claims in due course is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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